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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - JAPAN, JUNE 15, 1978

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1. ADVANCED PAYMENTS FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICE (CONF)

USG DECISION TO PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR JAPANESE PRO-
POSAL FOR ADVANCED PAYMENT FOR ENRICHMENT SERVICES HAS
BEEN SLOWED BY CONSIDERING IT IN CONJUNCTION WITH JAPANESE
PURCHASE OF ENRICHED URANIUM ITSELF. CONSENSUS IS BUILDING
HERE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE ADVANCED PAYMENT QUESTION AND THEN
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DISCUSS THE PURCHASE QUESTION SEPARATELY, SO AS TO AVOID
FURTHER DELAY. WE ARE NOW WAITING FOR DOE VIEWS ON THE
ARRANGEMENTS. AT THE LATEST, WE EXPECT TO KNOW BY JUNE 19.
WE HAVE DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH GOJ EMBASSY HERE SCHEDUL-
ING TALKS HERE WITH A GOJ TEAM FROM TOKYO THE WEEK OF JUNE
26 OR JULY 10, WITH BOTH SIDES LEANING TOWARD JUNE 26 DATE.

2. MTN COUNTDOWN IN GENEVA AND WASHINGTON (LOU)

JAPAN'S REVISED OFFER ON INDUSTRIAL TARIFFS, GIVEN US MTN

DELEGATION JUNE 12, FELL FAR SHORT OF US NEEDS, BOTH IN OVERALL ITEMS AND IN TERMS OF UNACCEPTABLY SMALL IMPROVEMENT ON MANY HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS (E.G., NO IMPROVEMENT ON INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, ALUMINUM, LEATHER, ONLY SMALL IMPROVEMENT ON COLOR FILM, COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER PERIPHERALS).

MUCH OF LARGE GOJ NEGOTIATING TEAM IN GENEVA THIS WEEK MOVES ON JUNE 17 TO WASHINGTON, WHERE STRAUSS MEETS USHIBA AND HAFERKAMP JUNE 19-22. IN ADDITION TO THEIR NEGOTIATIONS THE BIG THREE NEGOTIATORS WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE AS LUNCHEON SPEAKERS AND AFTERNOON PANELISTS IN AN "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT" SPONSORED BY SENATOR ADLAI STEVENSON AND THE NATIONAL JOURNAL. OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN CONFERENCE INCLUDE LEWIS W. FOY, (CHAIRMAN OF BETHLEHEM STEEL), RALPH A. PFEIFFER (HEAD OF IBM OPERATIONS IN ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA), AND FRANK WEIL.

3. US-JAPANESE CONSULTATIONS ON LEATHER (LOU)

IN MAY 30-31 CONSULTATIONS ON JAPANESE LEATHER IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, JAPANESE HAD LITTLE TO OFFER REGARDING IN-CONFIDENTIAL

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CREASED ACCESS TO JAPANESE MARKET FOR US LEATHER. JAPANESE STATED THAT THE NEED TO MAINTAIN BURAKUMIN EMPLOYMENT LEVEL WAS PRINCIPAL REASON FOR RULING OUT INCREASED US SALES IN THE SHORT RUN. WE INFORMED THE JAPANESE THAT THEIR "OFFER", WHICH INCLUDED THE FORMATION OF A JAPANESE TANNERS ASSOCIATION BY MARCH 31, 1979, AND MODERNIZATION OF THE INDUSTRY, WAS UNACCEPTABLE, AND THAT ONLY A RAPID DECISION BY GOJ COULD HEAD OFF GATT COMPLAINT. NEGOTIATIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME JUNE 16 HERE IN WASHINGTON.

4. SOVIET TALKS (CONF)

THE US-JAPAN SOVIET EXPERTS TALKS WERE HELD ON JUNE 12-14, AND BOTH SIDES CONSIDERED THE MEETINGS TO HAVE BEEN VERY WORTHWHILE. THE US SIDE EXPLAINED THE PROBLEMS WE WERE HAVING WITH THE USSR (AFRICA, ARMS BUILD-UP, ETC.) BUT NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN OUR POLICIES. THE JAPANESE REVIEWED THE STATE OF THEIR OWN RELATIONS WITH THE USSR, CONCLUDING THAT THEY DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY SUDDEN CHANGES FOR THE BETTER OR FOR THE WORSE. AT THE AIRLIE HOUSE SESSION, THE JAPANESE PROVIDED MUCH NEEDED

DETAILS ON THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY OF THE OIL EXPLORATIONS IN THE SAKHALIN AREA. EUR/SOV DID A VERY FINE JOB OF SETTING UP THE TALKS.

5. VISITORS (LOU)

DSP CHAIRMAN SASAKI WILL SEE VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE ON JUNE 19 AT 2:30 PM. WE ARE ALSO SEEKING APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM WITH BOB STRAUSS, SECRETARY KREPS, DEPUTY SECDEF DUNCAN, AMBASSADOR NEWSOM, DICK HOLBROOKE AND JULES KATZ. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IS FIXING HIM UP ON THE HILL. HIDEO DEN, HEAD OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE, WILL SEE PAUL WARNKE, AMBASSADOR NEWSOM, DICK HOLBROOKE AND MIKE ARMACOST. WE HAVE NOT DEALT WITH THE VISIT OF NATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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DEFENSE COUNCIL CHIEF KUBO WHO WILL BE HERE THE WEEK OF JUNE 26. CHRISTOPHER

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